

GET CONNECTED

GLOBAL GIFT FAIR – TODAY!

Join us for our Global Gift Fair today between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Social Hall. As in the past, we have invited the participation of those organizations/vendors with which we have deep connections, including Under One Roof, Mano a Mano, Frybread Love/Project Offstreets, Tibet Arts, and—new this year—our own Sanctuary and Resistance team. This is your chance to one-stop shop for gifts that are reasonably priced and whose profits benefit our larger community.

RACIAL JUSTICE AND OUR UU FAITH WORKSHOP

Join us for an interactive, reflective workshop exploring a framework and tools for understanding race, racism, and whiteness and the spiritual imperative that drives our racial justice work. This two-part workshop will be offered on Saturdays, Dec. 2 & 9, 9–11:30 a.m., and will be led by Channing McKinley, Jeff Sylvestre, and Emma Paskewitz. To register, contact Sandy at sandy@firstuniv.org or 612-825-1701.

YOUNG ADULTS SOUP AND GIFT SWAP IS SATURDAY

Are you in your 20s or 30s? Looking to meet some new friends? Share some delicious soup? Swap a gift? Then the Young Adults Soup and Gift Swap is for you! Join the group on Saturday, Dec. 2 from noon to 2 p.m. in the Social Hall at church. Please bring four quarts of homemade frozen soup and/or a wrapped gift that you no longer want/use that another person would love. Complete details can be found on Facebook (search for and join the First Universalist Young Adults group)!

SENIORS HIKE WITH DAYTIME CONNECTIONS

Join other First U seniors for a hike in Lakewood Cemetery on Thursday, Nov. 30! Lakewood Cemetery has more than eight miles of interconnected roadways on the grounds. Established in 1871, it beautifully reflects the history of Minneapolis and First Universalist Church. The group will walk for up to two hours through the grounds. Meet in front of the cemetery administration building, just inside the 36th Street entrance, at 10 a.m. If you plan to participate, please RSVP to Tom Saterstrom (saterstromtom@yahoo.com or 952-239-3629).

PATHWAY TO MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Thinking about becoming a member of First Universalist Church in the New Year? The next two-session Pathway to Membership class is set for Sundays, Dec. 3 and 10, from 1 to 3 p.m., after the second church services. Free childcare is available, with seven days advance notice before each class. Give yourself a lifetime present! To register, please email sandy@firstuniv.org.

LAST DAY TO VIEW CURRENT ART EXHIBIT

Today is the last day to view “Textile Landscapes” by Linda Johaneson and “Figures of Imagination” by Brenna Busse, which have been on view in the social hall since early October. Don’t miss your chance to view their work!

WELCOME

We are so glad you are here.

At First Universalist Church, in the spirit of love and hope, we give, receive, and grow. We welcome, affirm, and protect the light in each human heart; we listen deeply to where love is calling us next; and we act with humility, bravery, and compassion in service to justice. We do all this as a faith community committed to racial justice. These spiritual practices and commitments are the ways we move in rhythm with the great love that is alive in the world.

LET US KEEP YOU IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

If you are experiencing a crisis or transition, or celebrating a joy—please let us know. To be included in our Cycle of Life each Sunday in worship, contact Sandy DiNanni at sandy@firstuniv.org or 612-825-1701.

If you would like support, contact the church office at 612-825-1701 or any member of our Pastoral Care Team.

Are You Visiting?

Come to a brief orientation to First Universalist and Unitarian Universalism.

Our next orientation takes place: Sunday, Dec. 3

Meet us in the front of the Sanctuary immediately after the service. Find out more about our community in this 45-minute overview. No sign up needed. Childcare is provided during the session after the 11:15 a.m. service.

The Visiting Families Welcome Station at the north end of the Religious Education wing has information about our Children, Youth & Family Ministries. Stop by if you are interested in learning more, or email Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries Lauren Wyeth at: lauren@firstuniv.org.

CELEBRATING OUR GENEROSITY

Offering plates from Sunday Service:

11/5 Sisters Camelot \$1,105.60

11/12 Center for Victims of Torture \$1,071.20

11/19 Augsburg Fairview Academy \$1,476.82

Know a charitable organization that shares our commitment to justice and equity? Nominate an offering recipient at: firstuniversalistchurch.org/offering-plate.

If you’d like to make a donation but don’t have cash, use the Square Cash App. It takes no time at all to set up and use! First Universalist’s cash tag is \$firstuniv. For more information, go to <http://firstuniversalistchurch.org/new-giving-option-square-cash/>.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Hearing devices are available; please ask an usher. **Cushions** are available for the pews and are located next to the sound booth and at the entrance to the Sanctuary. Please return them to their home after the service. We also have **fragrance-free rows** marked in the balcony. **For more information**, stop by our Information Center in the Social Hall downstairs, call 612-825-1701, or visit our website: firstuniversalistchurch.org.

NEED A RIDE?

We can help with at least one week’s notice. Contact Anne McBean at 612-388-0660 or mcbea001@yahoo.com if you need help with a ride or would like to offer a ride to a congregant.

THE WEEKLY LIBERAL

The Weekly Liberal is published on Thursdays. Subscribe at: firstuniversalistchurch.org/the-weekly-liberal/. Do you have news or information you’d like published? Fill out the submission form on our website!



WORSHIP THEME: SOURCES OF TRUST (FAITH)

IS THERE ENOUGH?

REV. JUSTIN SCHROEDER

NOVEMBER 26, 2017

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Music for GatheringDr. Jerrod Wendland

Words of WelcomeRev. Jen Crow

Bellsound

PreludeAngela Bowles Edwards
Dr. Jerrod Wendland
Reminiscence
- Makiko Kinoshita

Call to WorshipJennifer Gasperini

Opening Hymn #349 (Please rise in body or spirit.)
We Gather Together

Lighting the Chalice
Love is the spirit of this church
And service is its law.
This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace,
To seek the truth in love,
And to help one another.

-James V. Blake

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Musical InterludeDr. Jerrod Wendland

Silence

Cycle of LifeRev. Jen Crow

Hymn of Prayer #123 (please remain seated)

Spirit of Life

Spirit of life, come unto me,
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea:
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close. Wings set me free.
Spirit of Life, come to me. Come to me.

-Carolyn McDade

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Musical OfferingRaymond Dillon
Dr. Jerrod Wendland
Gentle Rain
- Makiko Kinoshita

SermonRev. Justin Schroeder
Marnita Schroedl
Is There Enough?

OffertoryJenine Lewis
Dr. Jerrod Wendland
Dash
- Makiko Kinoshita

Farewell and Gratitude for Dr. Jerrod WendlandRev. Ruth MacKenzie

Closing Hymn #21 (Please rise in body or spirit.)
For the Beauty of the Earth

Closing WordsRev. Justin Schroeder

Blessing in Song #413
Go Now in Peace

Worship Leaders
Rev. Justin Schroeder Senior Minister
Rev. Jen Crow Executive Minister
Rev. Ruth MacKenzie Minister of Worship and Pastoral Care
Jennifer Gasperini Worship Associate
Marnita Schroedl Guest Speaker
Dr. Jerrod Wendland Pianist
Guest Pianists
Angela Bowles Edwards, Raymond Dillon, Jenine Lewis

Chalice Lighters
Isla Meysenberg (9:30), Henry Mitchell-Crow (11:15)

Chancel Flowers

Today’s flowers were donated by Corky and Lyle Johnson in loving remembrance of their son and church member, Waid Johnson. Peace cranes were included because they were very significant to Waid. The arrangements were created by Bette DeMars of the Visual Arts Committee.

Offering: Marnita's Table (Holiday Giving Recipient)

Marnita's Table seeks to close gaps across difference through making Intentional Social Interaction the new pattern for society where people of color, the disenfranchised, the poor, the unheard, the fragile, the LGBTQ+ and anyone who is normally left out of community decision making are automatically included and valued at the policy-making and resource-sharing table.

Musical Notes from Dr. Jerrod Wendland

The piano duet is a lost art: education and repertoire study for musicians of the pre-gramophone era, evening entertainment before television and radio. Makiko Kinoshita (b. 1956) is one of those carrying on the tradition. One of the things I admire about Japanese art is that there seems to be less self-consciousness over the idea of originality. Young Americans are taught that “derivative” ideas aren’t worth having, while the Japanese correctly recognize that imitation of existing work is the only way to refine your craft. The musical toolbox of the twenty-first century is a rich one (maybe over-rich!), and it is refreshing to see an artist who chooses the best tool for the musical problem at hand, whether it be of Japanese or European, modern or traditional origin. In a way, that has been what I’ve tried to do in my three years at First U: to find the best musical work to fit the day’s service, no matter how far afield the search takes me. Thanks for joining me on the journey.

November Worship Theme: Sources of Trust (Faith)

When Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses on the door of Wittenberg Castle Church in 1517, he started a conversation about faith that has been going on for centuries for Christians, and by way of religious genealogy, Unitarian Universalists. Is “faith” simply an assent or agreement with a set of belief statements or is “faith” a question of trust? Where do you place your trust? Where do you find your strength? What holds you when there is nothing to hold onto? As Unitarian Universalists, we state that our sources of faith and trust come from: Direct experience of that transcending mystery that creates and upholds life; The words and deeds of prophetic people which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice and compassion; The wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life; Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves; Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science; And spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature. This month we ask: ”What are your sources of trust?”